19th May 1954]

Taking over of the " Maternity Ward " in Mayuram.

* 1005 Q.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the Mayuram Municipality requesting the Government to take over the management of the " Maternity Ward " at Mayuram ; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) It is learnt that a representation has been received by the Director of Public Health.

" (b) The matter is being examined by him."

Compositors in the Government Press, Madras.

* 1006 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the number of temporary non-composing compositors, hand compositors and machine operators in service in 1952–53 in the Government Press, Madras?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" By non-composing compositors the hon. Member presumably means imposers. In 1952–53, there were 4 temporary imposers, and 45 temporary hand compositors in service in the Government Press, Madras; no temporary machine operators were in service during the same period."

Educational expenses for refugees.

* 1007 Q.—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount of public money spent by way of stipends, fees and loans to the refugees for education during 1952–53 in Madras State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Rs. 17,395–2–0."

Cases against peasants of North Malabar for ' Punam cultivation '.

* 1008 Q.—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many criminal cases have been filed in 1953 against the peasants of North Malabar for ' Punam cultivation ' (temporary cultivation in the hills during monsoon season) in the areas coming under reserve forests?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There were no cases of prosecution during 1953 for encroachment and ' punam cultivation ' in the area of the reserved forests of Wynaad Division in North Malabar."